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Operations: The heart of NAS Fallon

By JO3 Denise Morris and JO1 Patrick Lane

The men and women who work in Operations Departments around the Navy are typically at the tip of the spear when it comes to accomplishing the mission. They have a great impact on the success or failure of the command in any given situation. That weight of

AC1 (AW/SW) Jesse Roxas trains AC1 Shannon Hughes on approach in the radar room (Photo by JO3 Denise Morris).

responsibility may be heavier here than anywhere else.

"The scope of what we do is different than any other station in the world," said ACCS (AW/SW)Joleene Horan, Opertion's LCPO. Horan summed up the difference with one word; "CAG," she emphasized. "Air wings don't deploy without us. If they

don't come here ... they don't deploy."

Operations Department, which includes Fleet Services, SAR and responsibility for the movement of all aircraft and related equipment on base, plays a vital role in fulfilling the command's mission and is manned by some the Navy's finest Sailors

Operations department has had many of the Sailor of the Quarter, Senior and Junior Sailor for the past two years. Everybody in Air Traffic Control and Operations Admin has been up for or has won these prestigious awards. Horan contributes this dedication to the fact that Ops personnel are active in the community and the base. "There isn't one person in the department who isn't a part of any organization/activity on base or in charge of it."

Indeed, the current Sailor of the Quarter and reigning Sailor of the Year are products of the Operations Department.

AC2 Dennis Guivara, Sailor of the Year, and AC1(AW/SW) Jesse Roxas, Sailor of the Quarter, were awarded Feb 6 for their outstanding contributions to the Navy.

This is Guivara's first duty station and in his time here he has accomplished a lot. Guivara is the assistant to the Auxiliary Security Force (ASF) where he stood 14-hour watches and he was still able to accomplish his qualifications and find time perform his duties at Operations.

"You can expect many great things from him in the future." Said Horan. "I think he is going to have a strong impact on everybody in which he has contact professionally and militarily. The Navy is a better place, because he is in it."

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Betancourt takes the helm of CNRSW

Story by JO3 Leif Brekke Navy Region SouthWest Public Affairs

ABOARD *USS TARAWA* (LHA 1)—Rear Adm. Jose Luis Betancourt Jr. relieved Rear Adm. Frederic R. Ruehe as commander of Navy Region Southwest on Friday.

The change of command took place on the flight deck onboard the *USS Tarawa* (LHA 1). Bedecked in patriotic garb and an ambience further augmented by Navy Band Southwest, the *Tarawa*, moored to Pier Two at Naval Base San Diego, served as a fine setting for this changing of the guard.

Ruehe assumed the post as the chief Navy liaison to the San Diego community on Feb. 4, 2000. Since then, he has plotted a course to set NRSW a step above the rest in regards to the Navy's 21st century shore infrastructure. With that foundation in place, he was in a good position to respond to the security needs following

Sept. 11.

"Patrolling our harbors," Ruehe said, "you'll see a team of force protection professionals, from Harbor Police and National Guard to our own Navy and Coast Guard, many are reservists that were recalled to active duty on short notice, to fulfill vital security duties."

Ruehe also focused on military families by working out the first phase of the Public Private Venture, which will provide 1,400 new housing units in San Diego. In order to do that, he established a great rapport with the local government and community leaders, who recognized his desire to balance environmental protection with mission accomplishment. He truly helped the Navy become not only a good neighbor but also an involved and respected member of the community in which we live.

"With nearly every success," said Ruehe, "we see a link to the civilian community."



Adm. Jose Luis Betancourt Jr. (right) relieved Adm. Frederic R. Ruehe as commander, Navy Region Southwest on Feb. 1. They and Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, commander in chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, spoke about NRSW's success in working with the San Diego area communities. Photo by PH1 Timothy McCaffrey.

Ruehe is heading to Okinawa, Japan, where he will assume command See Betancourt, Page 2



Protestant

Sunday: 11a.m. Worship

Service

Communion Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.

Catholic

Sunday: 9:30a.m./6p.m. Mass For other Catholic services available in town, please call St. Patrick's at 423-2846

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of Amphibious Group One.

Prior to Betancourt taking over, Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, commander in chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, spoke about Ruehe's role in shaping the symbiotic relationship between NRSW and the San Diego area communities.

"We must continue to seek solutions," Fargo said, "that are of benefit to the community and the Fleet." Betancourt, who previously served as the Commander of the Mine Warfare Command in Ingleside, Texas, is no stranger to the San Diego area. From 1996 to 1998, he commanded the USS Peleliu (LHA 5).

"I am looking forward to renewing our professional relationships as we work to carry on the excellent work of the Navy Region Southwest," Betancourt said, "with the goal of keeping the region in the forefront of innovation and excellence in the way we support our Navy and Marine Corps team, our reason for

Navy Region Southwest consists of Navy installations of California, Arizona and Nevada and is headquartered in San Diego

"Me and my shadow..."



NASF XO, Cmdr. Ed Rybold, (right) helps give his daughter, Erin (far right), a tour of Hangar 7 recently during "Shadow day" giving dependants a chance to see their family's jobs on base (Photo by JO3

Chaplain's Corner



Chaplain's office provides relationship tools

by JO3 Luke Johnson, NSAWC PAO

With the divorce rate high and new married couples struggling to make it, the NAS Fallon Chapel offers a workshop for newly married couples or engaged couples to make it through the rough times. The workshop is designed to give couples the tools to solve the problems that break up marriages.

The Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) teaches couples conflict resolution skills that help reduce destructive conflicts in marriage relationships. This program helps couples come together and work out the rough spots in their relationships.

About 20 years ago, a University of Denver research team

started PREP. Since its establishment, the university has done extensive research and follow-up to where accuracy is established and the program is proven to work, said Cmdr. Jack Kirk NAS Fallon Chaplain.

The program provides a way for couples to navigate their way through conflicts. It teaches the skills to communicate effectively and help couples have a starting point to work out problems.

"I established this (PREP class) for the folks here because it is designed to teach them skills: communication skills, problem solving skills, decision making skills, conflict resolution skills that can help them reduce the disruptive conflicts, enhance understanding and get the couples pulling together in the relationship," he said.

"Over my 20 years in the Navy, it becomes painfully evident to you when you are working with couples or individuals with marital difficulties that folks don't know how to navigate through conflict. Sadly, in many in-

stances, they don't know how to communicate effectively with their mate. Coupled with the sad state of marriage and family in our culture, this is a way I could help our folks avoid the pitfalls of doing damage to them selves and their marriage partner," said Kirk.

Kirk wants to give Sailors and their families a proven, practical and workable skills. Plus, he wants to teach them through the PREP course how to use these relationship skills, so that married couples can define a marriage for themselves. Married couples can use these newly learned tools when and where problems or conflicts arise in the marriage relationship and with their newly acquired knowledge married couples can work out their difficulties in a constructive and productive way.

The couples are taught the relationship skills, and then they are given time to practice the new skills they have learned. The workshop requires both members to be present at the workshop, said Kirk.

Kirk also states that if a married couple is unable to work out their difficulties they can go back to him, and he would have a starting point to help solve the conflict with the married couple. He would be able to analyze their communication skills and see how the couples are using the tools they were taught through the PREP course.

The next PREP workshop will be offered at the base chapel on Feb. 21 and 22. So, if you plan on getting married or are a newlywed, you can reserve a seat by contacting the base chapel at 426-2813.

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Planning begins for Spring Wings Festival

Scan the horizon and the Lahontan Valley can look pretty desolate and bleak to those unfamiliar with the area. But, take a closer look and you will discover a terrain filled with the colorful and varied wildlife that make their home in the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge and the surrounding areas. Herons, egrets, golden eagles and prairie falcons all live out their lives right in your own back yard.

An opportunity to get up close sonal with these and many other varieties of wildlife is right around the corner during the 5th Annual Spring Wings Festival, scheduled for May 10 through 12.

The festival celebrates the spring migration of birds to the Lahontan Valley as part of the nationwide recognition of Migratory Bird Week.

Tours, workshops, canoe trips and much more are planned for this event which will be based out of the Fallon Convention Center. This year's festival will feature expanded children's programs as well as special Mother's Day activities.

Sponsored, in part, by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Festival is a non-profit organiza-

tion and relies on volunteerism to ensure the success of this exciting and growing event. Many positions are available to volunteers to help with children's activities, assisting with registration, setting up workshops and demonstrations and much more. Volunteers who donate at least four

hours of service over the three-day event will be rewarded with free registration to the festival. For more information about the festival or to volunteer, contact Mr. Bob Russell, Spring Wings Volunteer Coordinator, at 428-6452.

Make plans now to attend the Spring Wings Festival and find out first hand that there is more to the desert than sand, sage brush and miles of empty

Navy tips and trivia

Ever wonder how the peacoat got its name? Sailors who have to endure pea soup weather often don their peacoats, but the coat's name isn't derived from the weather. The heavy topcoat worn in cold, miserable weather by seafaring men was once tailored from pilot cloth — a heavy, coarse, stout king of twilled blue cloth with the nap on one side. The cloth was sometimes called p-cloth for the initial letter of the word, and the garment made from it (pjacket, later a peacoat). The term has been used since 1723 to denote coats made from that cloth.

Civilians of the Quarter



(left to right) Jim Ishbister, Sherry Lash, Tiffany Stone and John Smiley were all honored recently at the Award's Banquet in the base Galley for outstanding work on base (Photo by JO3 Denise Morris).

HealthWatch: Don't get burned by carelessness

By Aveline V. Allen, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Hot frying oil, irons, drain cleaner, electrical outlets, the sun - all these have a characteristic in common. They can all cause painful or even dangerous burns.

Here are some tips from the American Academy of Family Physicians to help prevent you from getting burned.

- If you plan on spending time in the sun, liberally apply sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or higher. Wear protective clothing such as a hat, long-sleeved shirt or pants.
- When working with chemicals, wear gloves and other protective
 - Put covers on electrical outlets that young children can reach.
- Make sure water temperatures are appropriate before you or your children take a bath or shower to prevent scalding.
- Perhaps the most important tip of all for preventing burns in the home is pay careful attention when preparing foods in the kitchen. Burn prevention experts state that inattentive cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires. They recommend creating a "kid-free zone" of 3 feet around your stove when cooking.

Most small minor burns, no matter what the cause, can be treated at home with cool running water for 10 to 15 minutes. This lowers skin temperature, stops the burning, numbs pain, and reduces or even prevents swelling. Avoid using icy cold water or ice cubes. Extreme cold can cause even further damage to burned skin.

More serious burns may require emergency first aid until the victim

Jerry

can receive medical assistance.

"First aid for any burn is to first remove the patient from the danger area, and get the burning material (clothing) off," said LCDR Lynn Welling, MC, specialty leader for emergency medicine at Naval Medical Center San Diego, Calif. "If it's a small area, cool water is good. If it's a largearea, use just a clean dry dressing - a clean white sheet is good if it's all you have."

Never apply grease or butter to the injury. They confine the heat of the burn into the skin and won't allow it to cool. In essence, the skin continues to "simmer."

Welling recommends not using any ointments or creams until you have seen a doctor. Burns that cause blistering or charring, or is on the sensitive skin of the face, should be treated as soon as possible by a healthcare provider.

Douglas

Theater

SECNAV to Graduating Recruits: "Never Forget"

By Chief Journalist Rhonda Burke, Naval Training Center Great Lakes Public Affairs

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (NNS) — Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Gordon England implored the Navy's newest Sailors Friday (Feb. 8) to "never forget" the events of Sept. 11 or the training they have received at Great Lakes.

"Never forget the values you have learned here; never forget the lessons your recruit division commander taught you and never forget

the heroes who have worn the uniform before you," England told the Navy's newest 520 Sailors at the Feb. 8 recruit graduation ceremony. "Our Navy and our nation are counting on you as we wage the

first war of the 21st century. United we stand, and together as a nation, we will prevail."

SECNAV visited Great Lakes to serve as reviewing officer for the recruit pass-in-review and to sign a landmark agreement between the Navy and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in which the VA will transfer 48 acres of land to the Navy for the recapitalization of Recruit Training Command.

During his visit, England also met with more than 60 local community leaders and members of Chicago-area Navy League councils, providing an update on the status of the Navy today and the war on terrorism.

England gave an overview of the defense budget for 2002, which includes an additional \$18.4 billion for defense, and he said that President Bush has promised to continue to make national defense a top priority. England explained that the top priorities for the Navy in the coming years will be the war on terrorism and critical issues such as military pay, health care, housing allowances and other personnel programs.

While he could not give detailed information on the 2003 budget, SECNAV did reveal that President Bush has pledged \$10 billion for the war and \$38 billion toward Navy infrastructure and quality-of-life improvements. The secretary added that the war on terror has been successful thanks in large part to Sailors and Marines.

"Our Navy Marine Corps team has made a significant difference in this war," England

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said. "It is the Navy that has flown 80 percent of the combat sorties into Afghanistan, and the Marines are operating not in the littorals, in this case, but well inland. We can do this because of the in-

herent flexibility and forward-deployed posture of naval forces."

The secretary brought as his guests two Sailors from USS Enterprise (CVN 65): Capt. David Mercer, the carrier's air wing commander (CAG), and Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Tom Walas, an Oak Forest, Ill., native. The secretary lauded their efforts in the war on terrorism. It was Mercer who flew the first mission into Afghanistan in Operation Enduring Freedom.

England cautioned the audience that Afghanistan is just the first battle of the war, not the war.

"There remains a significant threat to the United States," he said. "The danger from organized terrorists cannot be allowed to ex-

pand. We must stay our course."

Illinois Rep. Mark Kirk, who accompanied SECNAV on the trip to Great Lakes, pointed out that the five-week victory in Afghanistan took 15 years to build. He also delivered a stirring optic which put into per-

spective the long reach of the Navy's striking power.

"If you superimpose a map of the United States over Central Asia, our carriers would be off the coast of Pensacola, Fla., striking targets in suburban Milwaukee," Kirk said.

Kirk also praised the Great Lakes team for its contribution to the war on terrorism and the nation's security.

"The Navy is built right here at Great Lakes," Kirk said. "And it is the Navy that is leading this war."

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Roxas is also active on base and in the community. He is part of the Partners of Education, Divisional Career officer, training petty officer, facility watch supervisor. Before he injured his knee, he was very active in baseball and softball for the ATC division. He has been in the Navy over 10 years, "I believe that every junior sailor needs a role model that they can emulate and try to follow on the route so that they can be a great leader. " He said that in his career he has had many mentors where he followed their examples. He is on his way of following in the footsteps of his mentors to be chief or LDO.

Roxas and Guivara understand their roles as ambassadors to the community and they take that seriously.

"People in Ops are for the most part very driven." Horan concludes, "They are happy here and like doing what they do here and out in the community."



(Photo by JO1 Patrick Lane)

From high aloft in the control tower, AC2 Dennis Guivara, NASF Sailor of the Year, peers out over the domain of Operations Department. The flight line here caters to our own resident squadrons as well as every CAG in the Navy.

C. Community

Gallagher



Happy President's Day

This week in Navy history

February 15

1856 - USS Supply, commanded by LT David Dixon Porter, sails from Smyrna, Syria, bound for Indianola, Texas, with a load of 21 camels intended for experimental use in the American desert west of the Rockies. 1898 - U.S. battleship Maine blows up in Havana Harbor.

February 16

1804 - Lieutenant Stephen
Decatur, with volunteers from
frigate Constitution and schooner
Enterprise, enters Tripoli harbor
by night in the ketch Intrepid to
burn the captured frigate
Philadelphia. Decatur's raid
succeeds without American
losses. England's Lord Nelson
calls this "the most daring act of
the age."

1815 - USS Constitution captures British Susannah

1967 - Operation River Raider begins in Mekong Delta

February 17

1864 - Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley sinks USS Housatonic

1942 - First Construction Battalion (Seabees) arrive Bora Bora

1944 - Carrier aircraft strike Japanese fleet at Truk, sinking ships and destroying aircraft

February 18

1846 - General order on Port and Starboard

1944 - Amphibious Force under RADM Hill lands troops on Engebi Island, Eniwetok 1955 - 1st of 14 detonations, Operation Teapot nuclear test

February 19

1814 - USS Constitution captures British brig Catherine

1945 - Marines with naval gunfire support land on Iwo Jima; island secured 16 March.

February 20

1815 - USS Constitution captures HMS Cyane and sloop-of-war Levant

1962 - LCOL John Glenn,USMC becomes first American to orbit Earth. His flight in Friendship 7 (Mercury 6) consisted of 3 orbits in 88 minutes at a velocity of 17,544 mph with the highest altitude of 162.2 statute miles. Recovery was by USS Noa (DD-841)

1962 - USS Dixie (AD-14) rescues lone crewman aboard a sailing yawl adrift for four days. 1974 - S-3A Viking ASW aircraft (carrier jet) introduced officially, given to VS-41.

News and Notes

MWR/ITT

March 7...Official Grand Opening of Mean Gene's Burgers & Eddie Peppers...Appearing Live "Mean Gene" Okerlund...great food, autographs, give aways, music and more!!!! Be ready for this...

March 9...Jst Rec-it's presents...Overnight at Boomtown in Reno...all you can eat "Lobster Buffet", huge arcades, miniature golf, casinos and more...Call 426-2836 for details

Fishing Party at Walker Lake, fish through the day and into the night, boats & poles provided...transportation if needed...call 426-2598 for more information

March 15...St. Patrick's Day Party at the O' Club...don't miss this...great band...guest bartenders...green beer!

St. Patrick's Day Bash at the Planet X....green beer, awesome music and more!

March 16...St. Patrick's Day Fun Run/Walk in front of the gym at 8am...sign up the day of the run! Call 426-2949 for more details.

March 17...Wrestle Mania at the Planet X starts at 5pm Sagebrush Bowl and Hot Stuff Pizza

Monday - Thursday any order between the hours of 1pm-4pm over \$3 will receive a free game of bowling coupon...call 426-2451

Go for a long drive...with a golf club of course...MWR's Golf Driving Range is open seven days a week from sun-up to sundown. Golf clubs are available for rent at the Pony Express Outdoor Recreation Dept.

Call 426-2598

Come strut your stuff...Karaoke every Sunday at the Planet X.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

The VITA program is available every Friday and Saturday until April 12.

Tax preparation will be at no cost and includes electronic filing of both federal and most state tax returns. Electronic filing your return will ensure quick processing by the IRS and a quick refund. If you choose to receive your refund via electronic fund transfer, it will be transferred to the account you specify in approximately ten days.

The VITA office will be located in the Fleet and Family Service Center. Volunteers will be available in the office Fridays and Saturdays from 8am to 4pm.

For further information, contact your Command or Departmental VITA Representative or call 426-2941.

Top Gun

McGruff the Crime Dog visits CDC



McGruff the Crime Dog visits CDC as part of Child Passenger Safety Week. He taught lessons about walking and riding safely around the streets (Photo by BM2 Janet Hand)

Cell One

Dentist

The Desert Classifieds

Pets:

- If you're looking for a new or lost pet, please check with the Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS). They have a number of animals available for adoption or sponsorship. Call 423-7500 for more information. *Autos:*
- •1992 Chevy S10 P/U, low miles 45,000, 5SPD, 2.8L V6, new tires and sport rims, A/C, AM/FM Cassette, excellent condition \$4,000 OBO, 423-1306
- •For Sale-1987 Ford F-150 4x4, extended cab. Good condition, runs well. \$3,000. Call Daryn. (775)530-7237 (w) 423-1895(h).
- •1997 Nissan Pathfinder LE, auto, loaded, leather. In excellent condition with 47,000 miles, retails at \$22,5000, asking \$19,000. Call Nick (h) 867-3669 (w) 426-3259
- •1998 Kawasaki vulcan Classic 800 motorcycle, new batter, immaculate condition, 1,100 miles, \$5,000. Call Bob at 423-6377 (days) or 428-1855 (evenings); leave message at either number.
- •For sale: blue, 1988 Ford F150; 1994-300 6-cylinder motor w/ 25,000 miles; many new parts; ½ ton; automatic transmission; many new parts to the motor; overall good condition. Call 428-1078 if interested.

1998 FORD F250 XLT 4WD super cab, short bed, V8, auto, tow pkg, extremely clean, 1-owner, non-smoker, oxford white, snugtop, new tires, premium wheels, 75K miles. \$17,995. Call Bobbie 426-4093 or 423-2989

Misc.:

- •Dual Stroller for sale. Two-way stadium seating. Allterrain tandem stroller. Excellent Condition. Front seat reverses so tots can ride face-to-face. Rear seat fully reclines. Great for infants. Asking \$100. Call Laura at 423-9465.
- •Bedroom for rent. Located near the library in Fallon.

Asking \$400 a month. Price covers all expenses except food. Full access to kitchen and bathroom. Call Dorthy at beeper # 426-6895.

- •White Wicker Full size bed with mattresses, has headboard and foot board excellent condition asking \$250.00. Also, have the white wicker night stand to match also excellent condition asking \$25.00. Also for sale: Kenwood stereo system with cabinet, speakers, 2 sided tape deck, tuner, cd player (holds 5 CDs) and amplifier all are also in excellent condition. Now asking \$500.00. Please call 423-2624.
- •Items for sale: baby clothes (0-4T, 5), toys, Bassett crib and misc. items. Also have wetsuit for sale. Cal 428-327 to see any items.
- •1995 G.E., 21.7 cu. ft., side-by-side, frost-free refrigerator/freezer with ice maker. Asking \$650/OBO. Phone AECS Jim Williamson at 426-3485, during normal working hours or 423-8619, after normal working hours.
- •Deluxe Stoller with car seat \$65. Call Mardie at 423-2246.
- •Murray Go Cart: 2-seater with roll cage and seat belts. 5-HP engine, new condition. Loads of fun for the entire family. \$500. Call Bill Sizemore if interested 428-3202
- •Wanted Quad reasonably priced, 423-7405
- •Looking for a way to get your car to your new duty station? Call Ed Gieratz. I will drive your car to your new duty station and I'm willing to go anywhere in the country. If you have questions or are interested in this service, please call me at 423-7776 or e-mail me at: safedriver59@yahoo.com.
- •Roommate wanted for 3 bdrm, 2 car garage. Next to Art Center in town. Asking \$400 a month. Call 426-2081 for more information.
- •Looking for that one particular elusive item? Put your wanted ad in the Desert Roundup by calling 426-2880.

FriFriday, Feb 15

Kate & Leopold (R)

6:30pm

Bourbon Street meets Pasture Rd.



(photo by JO1 Patrick Lane)

This year's annual Mardi Gras at the O'Club proved to be another outrageous event, from rockin' to the sounds of the famous "Saddle Tramps" to crowning this year's Mardi Gras King, none other than Capt. "Roy" Rogers (left and his queen to his right) who heated up the dance floor in his crown and robe after awarding certificates to those he deemed worthy! Yet another huge party that keeps our airwing buddies saying "this is definitely the best little O'Club in the Navy! Watch for details on our next big

event "The St. Paddy's Night Bash!"
Best Costume..."Colleen"...Boeing
Life of the Party..."Jenni"...MWR
The Most Beads..."CAG 17"
Mardi Gras Challenged..."Ernie"...NSAWC

Friday, Feb 22

Joe Somebody (PG13)

6:30pm

Commissary Note

The commissary will be open from 1pm-5pm on FEB 25 to give Carrier Air Wing Group 17 the opportunity to shop at the commissary vice shopping downtown Fallon.

Security

Desert Moon Theater

9pm	Lord of the Rings (PG13)	9pm	Orange County (PG13)
Saturday, Feb 16 6:30pm 9pm	Joe Somebody (R) The Majestic (R)	Saturday, Feb 23 6:30pm 9pm	Imposter (PG13) Lord of the Rings (PG13)
Sunday, Feb 17 2pm 5pm 7:30pm	Kung Pow (PG13) Jimmy Neutron (G) Princess Diaries (PG)	Sunday, Feb 24 2pm 5pm 7:30pm	Jimmy Neutron (G) Kung Pow (PG13) Orange County (PG13)
Monday, Feb 18 6:30pm	Vanilla Sky (PG13)	Monday, Feb 25 6:30 pm	Ali (R)
Tuesday, Feb 19 6:30pm	The Majestic (R)	Tuesday, Feb 26 6:30pm	Joe Somebody (PG13)
Wednesday, Feb 20 11am 6:30pm	Kung Pow (PG13) Kate & Leopold (R)	Wednesday, Feb 27 11am 6:30pm	Orange County (PG13) Kung Pow (PG13)
Thursday, Feb 21 6:30pm	Ali (R)	Thursday, Feb 28 6:30pm	Lord of the Rings (PG13)

CAPS Corner



Walter Middy is a 4-year-old male. He is a beautiful gray tabby who would make a great addition to quite family. Walter Middy is already neutered and has his shots up to date.

The Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS) is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 3pm.

The volunteer society is dedicated to the temporary care and final placement of stray, abandoned or otherwise unwanted animals into loving homes.

For those choosing a pet from CAPS, discount certificates for spay and neutering services at local veterinarian clinics are available. Before you look elsewhere, give CAPS a try by visiting the facility at the corner of Wildes and Crook Roads, or call 423-7500.

A large portion of the animals currently at CAPS came from base housing and seem to be lost pets.

CAPS currently has many cats and dogs ready for immediate adoption. If you think you might be looking for a pet, choosing one from CAPS is an alternative that can give you a loving addition to your family and also address the pet over-population problem.

CAPS now has a website courtesy of AdvancedInternet: http://www.aiinc.com/caps.

All the animals available for adoption are on the website. Can't afford to adopt an animal? Go to our website, and find out about our Animal Sponsorship Program. Email CAPS at caps@aiinc.com or call 423-7500.

NAS Fallon road work notice

ROAD WORK: Construction will take place on the service road immediately west of the ready fuel storage area from 7:30am Monday through 4:30 on Tuesday, Feb.18-19 The route will remain open, but traffic control will be on-going during the construction.

Low interest rates good for servicemembers

Interest rates for mortgage loans remain at a low not seen in decades. If you are a servicemember or veteran thinking about purchasing a home, or you are interested in refinancing your current mortgage at a lower interest rate, you can find valuable information online at Military.com. In addition to providing free information on VA loans and conventional loans, Military.com has a short online form servicemembers can fill out to receive more information. The service is free, and the form can be accessed at: http://www.military.com/Finance/Content?ESRC=mr.nl&file=apply for loan.htm&area=Content.

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